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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 10/767,701  
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For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants and  
Uses Thereof for Plant Improvement  
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Sir:

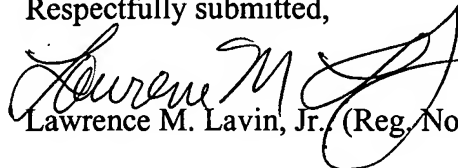
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1. Certificate of mailing for response to restriction requirement action;
2. Response to Restriction Requirement dated 12/02/2005 from PTO;
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **13-4125**, referencing matter number 38-21(53535)B.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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